



Docket No.: 448-001

JOINT INVENTORS

DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND PETITION

We, **Markus Kircher**, residing at **Sulzburgstr. 12, D-72636 Frickenhausen, Germany**,
• **Markus Neidert**, residing at **Im Goldmorgen 18, D-73265 Dettingen/Teck, Germany**, and **Ralph Sauter**, residing at **Burrenweg 7, D-72636 Frickenhausen, Germany**, declare that we are citizens of the **Federal Republic of Germany**, that we have reviewed and understand the foregoing specification and claims, and that we verily believe that we are the original, first and sole inventors of the invention entitled

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DISABLING MOTOR OF POWER EQUIPMENT**

described and claimed therein; that we do not know and do not believe that this invention was ever known or used in the United States before our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention thereof, or more than one year prior to this application; or in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to this application; that this invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate in any country foreign to the United States on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months before the application; that we acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56(a); and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate has been filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States except as follows: None.

We hereby appoint

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our attorney with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

WHEREFORE, we pray that Letters Patent be granted to us for the term of fourteen years for the new and original design for an **OPERATOR SENSING CIRCUIT FOR DISABLING MOTOR OF POWER EQUIPMENT** set forth in the foregoing specification and we hereby subscribe our names to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney and this petition.

The undersigned petitioners declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

29/03/2004

Date



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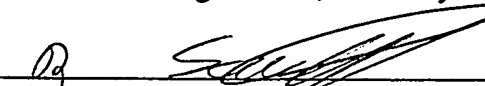
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